



## George Arthur Haas

September 7, 1926 - February 10, 2018

George Arthur Haas, 91, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2018 at Arleigh Burke Pavilion in McLean, Virginia. Dr. Haas was born in Vienna, Austria in 1926 and moved to the U.S. in 1935 when his father, Arthur Erich Haas accepted a professorship at Bowdoin College in Maine. His father, a founder of the theory of quantum physics and pioneer in the field of cosmology, had lectured across the U.S. and saw the center of the scientific world shifting to America. The family settled at the University of Notre Dame; following his father's early death, his mother Emma Beatrice Huber joined the OSS working covertly in Europe. Dr. Haas received his PhD in Physics from Notre Dame after serving two years on U.S. Navy submarines. In 1951, he joined the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington DC, where he made significant contributions to Navy cathode technology and developed new electronic systems for the Department of Defense. He published close to 100 theoretical papers and received numerous patents. He was chosen by Notre Dame as one of its most distinguished graduates in science at a 100th year anniversary. In 1985 he was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Dr. Haas was devoted to his wife of 61 years, Mary Jane Farrell Haas, and their family. With his wife, he collected early American folk art and paintings. He was an avid fisherman and loved spending summer vacations in Maine. He was also a history enthusiast and Civil War buff, and lectured in Alexandria

on artifacts found in nearby battlefields and forts. He regularly served as a judge at local science fairs and passed his love of science on to his grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife Mary Jane and his brother Arthur. Dr. Haas is survived by his four children, Theresa Krause (Robert) of Winchester, Patricia Haas-Cleveland (David) of New York, Susan Meyer (Ted) of Locust Grove, and Christopher Haas of Berryville; seven grandchildren, Carly Krause McFadden (George), Eric Krause, Carter and Christopher Cleveland, and Theodore, Joseph (Sonia) and Timothy Meyer; and one great-grandchild Lillian McFadden. Friends are welcome to a gathering on Monday, February 19 from 6-8p.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria. A chapel service followed by a reception will be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 11a.m. at Vinson Hall Retirement Community, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean.

# Tribute Wall



“ George Arthur Haas

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ I'm truly saddened to hear of his passing. I suddenly was thinking about him just now while watching a TV show which referenced the Naval Research Labs. When in high school in 1965, somehow I was able to get into his lab there to work on a thermionic tube (fancy term for a very basic radio tube from the old days), which was part of a science fair project. He even let me blow the glass for it. He knew I was over my head, but yet was always so kind and courteous, and I learned a great deal. At the Northern Virginia Science Fair, I won the Navy Science Cruiser Award and first place for the fair, thanks to his gentle insistence and guidance. Funny story -- unannounced, he showed up at the fair. He looked at the board so neatly printed, the graphs so carefully done, and seemed genuinely impressed. As he was about to leave, he said, "You know, Glenn, that voltage graph is going the wrong way." (which it was!). Had been looked at for days by other physicist-judges. Nobody noticed but George. The very very best to you. He was a good man.

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October 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Haas Family,  
I have such nice memories of George and Mary Jane, who were huge supporters of me during my years of working at The Lyceum, and afterwards. I always enjoyed hearing about their many projects, especially the very ambitious one to create albums for each of the children with photos and the memories. Your parents were lovely people, and I know they live on in the hearts and memories of many people. With many good wishes to you all, Lynn Rozental*

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June 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hello from Alaska Haas Family. I send you my sincere hand in friendship and all the years we lived next door to one another, sharing laughter and memories. I wish I were closer. My mailing address is: Box 81871 Fairbanks, AK 99708. 907-388-8802*

*Much love to everyone. Annie Davis Hopper*

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March 02, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *George Arthur Haas*

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**Heavenly and Harmony** - February 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *George Arthur Haas*

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**Small Garden Dish** - February 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *George Arthur Haas*

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**Serene Retreat** - February 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We wish we had been able to have the honor of knowing him. His accomplishments, awards and recognitions certainly attest to a great man of science, his service as a man who loved and represented his country, and his actions as a husband, father and great-grandfather as devoted to his family; a wonderful legacy for the generations to follow.  
our love to his family, Jane Perry and Barclay McFadden.

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February 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Much love to you all and we are thinking of you all.  
- Kelly, Karl and Killian Tamai

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**Heart** - February 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ George Arthur Haas

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**Emerald Garden Basket** - February 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ George Arthur Haas

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**Peaceful White Lilies Basket** - February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ George and Mary Jane were great neighbors when we moved in next door in 1971. He will be missed. What a great guy! The Davis Family

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February 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Theresa, Patsy, Susan and Christopher — My deepest condolences on the passing of your father. I have so many fond memories of our families’ many Thanksgiving celebrations together in VA over the years, as well as your annual visits to CT after your vacations in Maine. My daughter, Danielle, lives in Portland, Maine, and we have made a few trips over the last couple of years. We understand why your parents enjoyed visiting there every year. Your father lived an amazing life. He was loved and will be missed. My father always spoke fondly of and cherished his friendship with your Dad.  
— Loretta (Tyciensi) Giramonti

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Heart - February 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM